



## ALIAMANU/ SALT LAKE/ FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006

### ALIAMANU MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Grant Tanimoto called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum present. He welcomed everyone to the Aliamanu/Salt lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 meeting, mentioned that the agenda and sign-in sheets were at the side table and announced the new agenda format.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Grant Tanimoto, Len Pepper, Larry Baird, Minnie Brazell, Steve Glanstein (elected at this meeting), Lorene Godfrey, Richard Larson, Mark Taylor and David Yomes.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**GUESTS:** Michelle R. Hill (Deputy Director, Department of Health, Governor Linda Lingle's representative), Senator Norman Sakamoto and Cherry Torres (Senator Sakamoto's Office staff), Representative Glenn Wakai, Tony Bacami (Representative Lynn Finnegan's Office staff), Dana Takahara-Dias (Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative), Councilmember Romy Cachola and Hiroko Nakamura (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Lt. Lester Hite and Sgt. Kevin Nishida (Honolulu Police Department- Kalihi); Lt. Guy Demello and Sgt. Kaipo Miller (Honolulu Police Department- Pearl City); Acting Captain Andy Verke (Honolulu Fire Department), Thomas J. Strout (Board of Water Supply), Howard Shima, Suzette Adversalo, Abe Pactero, Ann Russell, Melvyn Ho (Honolulu Country Club), Lynda Takamoto, Steven Y. Onone (MVCA), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS-

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)-** Acting Captain Andy Verke (Mokulele and Moanalua stations) highlighted the following:

1. There were 4 fires, 90 emergency calls and 22 miscellaneous service calls.
2. Fire Safety Tip: Brush fires cause great damage in our communities and use resources that could be better utilized elsewhere. Be responsible and dispose of all fires properly. Even small sources of fire, such as cigarettes and charcoal, can cause immense destruction. Work together with your community to make it safer. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing the vegetation surrounding all structures. Report and remove hazards. Communicate with each other. Formulate plans for yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in case of emergencies. Now is the time to prepare for the brush fire season. If you are interested in creating a safe space around your home, street, or community, you may contact Denise Laitinen of Firewise at (808) 281-3497 or go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). He distributed two copies of the Firewise brochure.

Comments followed.

1. Resident Howard Shima said he asked last month about the status of the elderly couple. Captain Verke mentioned that case was still under investigation and he hasn't contacted them, but would follow up.
2. Vice Chair Len Pepper said he's been asking for several months if the Opticom system was operational on Salt Lake Boulevard. Captain Verke replied that as far as he knows, it is not; but he would follow up.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Acting Captain Verke.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)-** Sgt. Kevin Nishida, Kalihi Station, distributed a written report and highlighted the following:

1. The monthly statistics for February 2006 for Kalihi-District 5 were arguments- 67, assaults- 7, burglaries- 12, drugs/narcotics cases- 2, DUI- 10, family offenses- 3, harassments- 6, liquor law- 0, miscellaneous



public cases- 30, miscellaneous service calls- 131, motor vehicle thefts- 32, motor vehicle collisions- 84, nuisance complaints- 25, parking violations- 83, property damage cases- 15, robberies- 1, sex offenses- 1, suspicious circumstances- 58, thefts- 47, unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV)- 41 and towed vehicles- 45 for a total of 702 offenses for district beats 550, 551, 552 and 554.

2. There were two cases of juvenile unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (U.E.M.V.).
3. There was a robbery of a taxicab at 2:30 a.m. and \$10 was taken. The two suspects, one black and one white, were from Waikiki.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Board members David Yomes and Minnie Brazell asked about the illegal drug activity on Hulakui Drive. Sgt. Nishida would follow up.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Sgt. Nishida.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)(continued)-** Sgt. Kaipo Miller, Pearl City Station, distributed his report and highlighted the following:

1. The monthly statistics for December 2005/January 2006/February 2006 for Beat 384 (Foster Village Neighborhood Security Watch) were: abuse- 1/2/3, alarm calls- 17/19/9, arguments- 34/40/26, assaults- 3/1/2, auto thefts- 4/10/7, auto theft recoveries- 7/3/10, burglaries- 7/4/5, criminal property damage cases- 5/3/6, dropped 9-1-1 calls- 54/37/58, miscellaneous public cases- 9/9/7, miscellaneous service calls- 56/49/85, noise complaints- 31/28/13, nuisances/disorderly calls- 32/16/9, parking violations- 26/47/29, robberies- 1/0/1, suspicious circumstances- 39/34/23, thefts- 11/13/9, and unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV)- 2/5/7. For December 2005/January 2006/February 2006 there were 480/454/387 calls for Beat 384 (Foster Village) of the 8,127/7,451/6,684 calls for District 3 (Kunia/Pearl City/Foster Village) or 5.91 percent/6.09 percent/5.79 percent of calls.

For the highlighted offenses, the December 2005/January 2006/February 2006 statistics were: auto theft- 4/10/7, auto theft recovery- 7/3/10, burglaries- 7/4/5, criminal property damage cases- 5/3/6, unauthorized entries into motor vehicles- 2/5/7. On page three, there were listed the date, time and location of most of these highlighted offenses.

2. Yesterday, HPD arrested the remaining three members of the auto theft gang, mostly students from Aiea High School. They called themselves the "Grand Theft Auto" group after a popular video game. They were stealing five to ten autos a week, across the Aloha Stadium.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Vice Chair Pepper asked if any of the 18 year olds would be treated as adults; Sgt. Miller responded that there were no 18 year olds, but auto theft is a property crime and age is not a factor.
2. Board member Yomes said that the media reported that a mother reported her son. It was explained that there were two moms and one was protecting her son, while the other reported her son.

**PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS** (from the public)-

There were none.

Chair Tanimoto thanked and excused the HPD.

**FILLING OF ONE (1) AT LARGE VACANCY-** Chair Tanimoto asked for volunteers to fill the At Large vacancy. Two residents came forward- Tom Strout and Steve Glanstein. Chair Tanimoto explained the procedure- they introduce themselves, tell why they want to be on the Board, then answer questions from the Board. Steve Glanstein has been a resident for 20 years, now lives in the Foster Village area and gave testimony on behalf of the community at the Legislature one and one-half to two weeks ago. He has the time to serve. Tom Strout has

lived in Salt Lake for 5 years and started coming to the Board meetings. He was encouraged to run last month. Chair Tanimoto asked if there were any other volunteers. There were none.

Questions and answers followed.

Vice Chair Pepper asked Glanstein if he has attended Neighborhood Board meetings. Glanstein responded that he attended other Neighborhood Board meetings, but not this one. Vice Chair Pepper asked if Glanstein would object to the Board's informal approach to parliamentary procedure at the Neighborhood Board meetings. Glanstein noticed that it was a refreshing change and that the Board still gets its work done. Board member Lorene Godfrey asked if he had any area of interest or expertise that would help the Board. Glanstein mentioned his interest in protecting the interest of condo owners, as he used to live in Century West for several years and still has a financial interest there and was the past-president of the owner association. He is also interested in the Foster Village Association.

Tom Strout has been attending the Neighborhood Board meetings from the last nine months and also as the Board of Water Supply (BWS) representative. While he has a personal interest, he has no special interest. He would like to help everyone. Board member Mark Taylor asked Strout the two or three problems that he feels the City needs to address. Strout responded that he did not see a lot of things that need improvement on the "legality part," but mentioned law enforcement. For a recent fight in the parking lot, he called the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). He also mentioned another incident on Ala Ilima Street and that a lot of problems start in the "youth days." Vice Chair Pepper asked about his responsibility with the Board of Water Supply (BWS) for the water quality reports.

Board member Taylor asked Glanstein what two or three issues concerned him. He also mentioned law enforcement. He was a Honolulu Police Department (HPD) volunteer, helped the recruiting classes and helped close the crack house across the street from him. His wife has a real fear of going out at nights. He also mentioned traffic- speeding and the increasing number of accidents. And finally, Glanstein mentioned the assaults on the aging community.

Chair Tanimoto mentioned that the winner needed at least five (5) votes to win. Vice Chair Pepper mentioned that they have historically used a secret ballot. Chair Tanimoto announced that the vote was six (6) votes for Steve Glanstein and two (2) votes for Tom Strout and that Steve Glanstein was elected. Chair Tanimoto thanked Strout for standing for election and invited him to continue to participate in the Board meetings. Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office for Steve Glanstein. When resident Howard Shima asked if Glanstein would be the chair of the Environmental Committee, Chair Tanimoto mentioned that would be later in the agenda.

Chair Tanimoto announced a change in the agenda.

**Councilmember Romy Cachola-** Councilmember Cachola announced that it was his birthday and he has another engagement to attend. He announced the recent City Council bills, raising the exemptions for real property taxes and saving on real property taxes. Concerning the Waimea Valley settlement, he wanted to preserve the valley, but he had concerns that the taxpayers' money was not well protected. He wanted the Mayor to come up with new proposals, before the Council acted on it. Besides property tax, other issues are the landfill and land use. His staff member would report the rest of the issues later. Vice Chair Pepper requested help in turning on the "Opticom" system on Salt Lake Boulevard. Vice Chair Pepper also asked Councilmember Cachola to be concerned about the fate of Moanalua Gardens. Councilmember Cachola would look into this.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Councilmember Cachola.

The order of the agenda was restored.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO THE NOVEMBER 10, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 12, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 9, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.** The following was added to November 10, 2005 regular meeting minutes-

Page 1, under **GUESTS** and Page 7, under **Governor Linda Lingle's representative**, it should read, "Sandra Yahiro, Deputy Director of the Department of Taxation (TAX)".

The November 10, 2005 regular meeting minutes were accepted as corrected.

The January 12, 2006 regular meeting minutes were accepted as circulated.

The following corrections were made to the February 9, 2006 regular meeting minutes-

Page 3, 2., it should read, "When Board member Brazell asked about bulk mail, Neighborhood Assistant Ho thought that it requires 200 pieces of mail to the same zip code."

Page 4, at the bottom 2., it should read, "When Board member Lorene Godfrey asked about using a higher building, Young mentioned the higher cost to use a helicopter than a crane."

Page 7, at the bottom 4., it should read, "Governor's representative Hill wanted to thank Vice Chair Pepper for mentioning the funding for the Hawaii State Hospital. She would follow up on Vice Chair Pepper's request to help with the State's participation in EMS services."

The February 9, 2006 regular meeting minutes were accepted as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Chair Tanimoto read the Treasurer's report, as of February 24, 2006. There was a balance of \$977.29 in the operating budget, \$2,227.00 in the publicity budget and \$120.00 in the refreshment budget. The Treasurer's report was accepted without objections.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS**

There were none.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Relations-** Committee Chair Minnie Brazell announced that she turned in the newsletter materials to Neighborhood Assistant Ho and would welcome more articles.

**Traffic and Transportation-** Committee Chair Larry Baird reported on Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) meeting and the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP). They are soliciting public input and comments, due March 15. Vice Chair Pepper mentioned that he hoped they know that it is along Salt Lake Boulevard and not Salt Lake. Committee Chair Baird saw the map and it was Salt Lake Boulevard and added it should have an Aloha Stadium station. Concerning the flashing lights at the schools, it should have been done with the Salt Lake Boulevard widening project. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is waiting for Board action to proceed.

**Board member Larry Baird moved and Vice Chair Len Pepper seconded that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 send a letter to the Department of Transportation Services requesting flashing lights for the four schools on Salt Lake Boulevard in both directions. The four schools are Radford High School, Makalapa Elementary School, Aliamanu Middle School and Aliamanu Elementary School. The motion carried, unanimously, 9-0-0.**

**Parks-** Committee Chair Lorene Godfrey reported on park closings- The Aliamanu Community Park closes at 8:00 p.m., a little earlier than other parks, and opens at 5:30 a.m., a little earlier because of residents exercising. The Aliamanu District Park, which has a swimming pool and a gym, closes at 9:00 p.m. and opens at 6:00 a.m. The other three parks, Aliamanu Neighborhood Park, Koaloa and Makalapa Park, close at 9:00 p.m. and open at 5:00 a.m. There are no gates, but there are signs posted and HPD can monitor them.

Chair Tanimoto mentioned that the Board could consider a standard time as a future agenda item.

Hiroko Nakamura, Councilmember Cachola's Office, mentioned another municipal park needed signs and attention.

Vice Chair Pepper suggested putting park closure hours on the agenda for next month. Chair Tanimoto agreed.

**Environment-** Chair Tanimoto appointed newly-elected Board member Steve Glanstein to chair this committee. It would focus on graffiti and former Board member Howard Shima would assist.

**Education-** Committee Chair Mark Taylor reported about Bill 51 and the uniform school calendar. Not all schools have the same needs. In high school the calendars are different. They add more vacation and extend the school year. It puts ten days of instruction behind the dates for national testing and standardized tests. Committee Chair Taylor suggested that they exempt the high schools. Back in December, they were told there was no need to change the State law, but get a waiver instead. Now, in the middle of the Legislative session, they are told to change the State law. He requested Senator Norman Sakamoto's (Chair of the Senate Education and Military Affairs Committee) assistance. When resident Shima asked about the calendar, Committee Chair Taylor mentioned that the national testing companies set the dates and we have no local control.

**Public Safety-** Committee Chair David Yomes reported PAINTED MARKINGS FOR PARKING STALLS ON ALA ILIMA STREET/LIKINI STREET

Neighborhood Board #18 discussed at the February 9, 2006 meeting if having marked painted parking stalls would be feasible in the highly condensed area of Salt Lake. This would be the apartment areas located in and around Ala Ilima Street and Likini Street. This discussion was tabled until the March 9, 2006 meeting.

I was assigned to look into this matter by the NB#18 Chairperson Grant Tanimoto, prior to the March meeting. The City & County of Honolulu specifications for a public roadway marked parking stall is seventeen (17) feet in length. My vehicle, a Dodge Durango SUV (large vehicle), is fourteen (14) in length.

Just these measurements alone, would tell you that the community would be losing parking space if marked painted stalls was implemented. A large population of people resides in this small area. There is a definite shortage of parking spaces in this area, and people are being cited on a daily basis for illegal parking.

While looking into this matter, I found that there were curb side parking spaces available on both street, that were marked a "No-Parking" zone for no apparent reason. I took into account all traffic laws that would apply (crosswalk, fire, hydrant, intersection, bus stop, etc.) in these areas, and still could not understand why these areas were considered "no-parking" zones. I believe we owe it to the community to look at these areas individually, and find out why these areas are marked as such. I think by opening these areas for parking, our community would be well served by the City and this Board. It is a shame to see so many people receiving parking tickets that they surely cannot afford!

I have listed some of the areas on these streets, to start the ball rolling:

Across 5265 Likini Street/To rear of Lakeside Manor. Parking space available: 156 feet. Likini Street, kkhd bound, makai curbing. There are no-parking signs posted in this area for 131 feet. After these signs, there is an additional 120 feet to accommodate the bus stop (you only need 95 feet by statute). $131+25=156$ feet	Fronting 2920 Ala Ilima Street/The Lake Shore Tower Parking space available: 142 feet. Ala Ilima Street, ewa bound, mauka curbing. There are no-parking signs posted in this area for 142 feet.
3230 Ala Ilima Street Parking space available: 57 feet. Ala Ilima Street, ewa bound, mauka curbing. There are no-parking signs posted prior to driveway for 57 feet.	2976 Ala Ilima Street Parking space available: 54 feet Ala Ilima Street, ewa bound, mauka curbing. There are no parking signs posted for 54 feet.
5070 Likini Street/Country Club Plaza Parking space available: 75 feet. Likini Street, kkhd bound, makai curbing. There are no-parking signs for 55 feet. There are an additional 115 feet allocated already for the bus stop, only 95 feet is needed. $55+20=75$ feet	3003 Ala Ilima Street/Kai Nani Apts. Parking space available: 52 feet Ala Ilima Street kkhd bound, makai curbing. There are no-parking signs posted for 72 feet from the crosswalk. Only 20 feet by statute is necessary from the crosswalk. $72-20=52$ feet.

\*\*\*These are just some of the examples of wasted space on these two streets. With parking in this area a premium, I ask the Board to recommend that City officials take a look at these locations, and open it up for more parking for our community.

At some of these locations, it could be that bus stops were moved, and the no-parking signs were left back. In other areas, it appears that someone had political clout at the time to make these changes. Decisions in these cases should be made for what is best for the majority of the community, not self-interest. A lot of people will say it is so hard to get out of a particular driveway, and we need these signs. However, each driveway already has a 4 feet clearance on each side, and I'm sure everyone would love to keep the cars as far away from the property line as possible. These types of changes should not be made for individual requests, unless it comes through the Neighborhood Board so we can determine if it is good for the majority of the community, not just one person. In Salt Lake we need extra parking space. If there are no liability issues or violations of law, the City should help this community by opening up these spaces. I'm sure our Mayor would agree!

**Totals:**

Just in these six (6) areas, a total of 536 feet could be used for extra parking spaces on these two streets in Salt Lake. 536 feet divided by 14 feet (my vehicle) = 38. Imagine 38 more cars could park in Salt Lake. Wow!

Just to give you an idea of how large this is, on Likini Street, from Ala Napunani Street (roundabout) to Ala Lilikoi Street, a total of 87 cars can park legally on the mauka side of the roadway. So that tells us that our 38 cars would fill almost half that distance. That sure is a lot of added parking spaces!!

He suggested that the City work on these recommendations.

Chair Tanimoto commended Committee Chair Yomes on his good report.

Committee Chair Yomes was also looking for a parking ban at 4918 Likini Street at the Salt Lake roundabout. He reported the following: PARKING BAN FRONTING 4918 LIKINI STREET (SALT LAKE ROUNDABOUT)

A concerned citizen at the last Neighborhood Board #18 meeting requested the Board look into a parking ban at the above location. This location at the Roundabout circle which intersects Likini Street/Ala Lilikoi Street/Ala Ilima Street. She relates that it is a dangerous situation because cars crossing over onto on-coming traffic to get by these parked vehicles. This area is also located directly across the bus stop terminal.

This discussion was tabled until our next meeting on March 9, 2006. Neighborhood Board #18 Chairman Grant Tanimoto requested that I look into this matter prior to this date.

The area in question is directly in front of the address 4918 Likini Street. This area can only accommodate two vehicles to park. Traffic going in the Koko Head direction on Likini Street is affected. The road in this direction measures thirteen (13) feet from the makai side of the roadway, to the first double yellow solid line located in the middle of the roadway. Vehicles traveling in the Koko Head direction only have these thirteen (13) feet to utilize in their travel. (An average vehicle is about four (4) to five (5) feet in width. A bus is nine (9) feet in width.)

Under the law, a vehicle can be parked no more than two (2) feet from curbside. Using these measurements, with the vehicles parked at this location, it would force most vehicles over the double yellow solid line into on-coming traffic.

I recommend that the Board and the City that these two (2) stalls should be removed. These two parking stalls only affect the people living at 4918 Likini Street. This residence is located at the corner of Likini Street/Ala Akulikuli Street. There is sufficient parking on the side of their home to accommodate their parking needs. I believe that the LIABILITY of having a head-on collision outweighs an individual's need. I have spoken to two bus drivers on this route and they were favorable of this removal. It is impossible for two buses to pass this location at the same time.

This report is being submitted for your perusal.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Committee Chair Yomes for his report and asked if there were any questions. Board member Taylor suggested that this should be an agenda item for next month and to invite the people involved. Chair Tanimoto would also forward these recommendations to the City. Vice Chair Pepper raised concerns about the "Sunshine Law" and voting on this. Other Board members suggested to send these suggestions on to the

City informally and vote on them next meeting after getting their response. Yomes will go to the people at 4918 Likini Street and invite them to the next meeting. Hiroko Nakamura from Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office mentioned that the condo associations have agreements about the parking. She would follow up with the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

**PRESENTATIONS: DISCUSSION/ACTION-** (8:09 p.m.)

Chair Tanimoto said that the Lakeside Police Activities League (PAL) teams will be starting the baseball season and they are having sign-ups at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Salt Lake District Park this Saturday.

**Antenna facility next to Stadium Mall-** The representative presented Nextel's proposed project on residential property, zoned R-5, located at 1000 Luopele Drive, TMK (1) 9-9-048:098. They are applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) with a height waiver for a 65-foot pole, disguised to look like a tree. There were many questions and answers. It would be only 100 watts (weak). The location is at the Stadium Marketplace. It is a freestanding unit and there is no action required by the Board. The neighbors were not notified about the retaining wall. Residents live right behind the pole. The retaining wall is just for the pole. It is within the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 800 range frequency. There are air conditioners in back. The fence around the pole would be painted green.

**Vice Chair Len Pepper moved and Board member Mark Taylor seconded that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 send a letter to the Department of Planning and Permitting opposing the issuing of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for this proposed 65-foot antenna project by Nextel at the Aguinaldo property at 1000 Luapele Drive. The motion carried, unanimously, 9-0-0.**

**Aligning Board's priorities with agenda items and projects-** (8:34 p.m.) Vice Chair Len Pepper requested Board members to e-mail suggestions for 2006-2007 to him and he would report next month.

**Residents' Concerns-**

There were none.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)-** Tom Strout highlighted the following:

1. **GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Although Detect-A-Leak Week was last week, the Board of Water Supply wants to make sure you know how to find hidden water wasters year-round.

Check your house periodically for leaks. This should be integral to your overall maintenance efforts, as it can save you money in the long run by reducing unnecessary water waste in your home. To see if you have a property leak:

- A. Make sure you turn off all the devices that use water in your home.
- B. Go out to your water meter and check to see if the red arrow or small black triangle on the meter is still moving. If so, you have a leak somewhere on your property.
- C. Call a licensed plumber to find the leak and fix it.

Check your toilet Because the toilet is one of the largest water using fixtures in your house, it can also be one of the largest water WASTERS too. To see if you have a leaky toilet:

- A. Remove your toilet tank cover and drop in a blue dye tablet (you can get them from the Board of Water Supply or at the side table) or a couple of drops of food coloring.
- B. Wait 10-15 minutes. If the color appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
- C. Check your toilet's flapper valve and replace if necessary, or call your plumber.

There were no questions.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Strout for his report.

**Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative-** (8:39 p.m.) Dana Takahara-Dias distributed the Mayor's newsletter and reported the following:

1. Concerning the Ala Puumalu Community Park, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has installed the drainage ditch in February. She announced that the Salt Lake District Park Director Christine Chee has been reassigned to Kalihi Valley. They have an open position at Salt Lake.
2. The Mayor's "State of the City" address was on February 24, 2006.
3. Mayor Hannemann vetoed Bill 37, the closing the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill by 2008. The City does not have an alternative. There may not be enough votes to override his veto.
4. The Mayor has submitted an Operating Budget of \$1.493 Billion and a \$629 million Capital Budget (for construction) to the City Council for review. It will start on June 15.
5. Concerning the roundabout information, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is revising and editing the Salt Lake roundabout pamphlet for printing. The Block Buster store in Salt Lake has already agreed to distribute the pamphlets and DTS will also contact Safeway. They have also given copies to the Salt Lake Public Library. Should you have further questions, please contact Mike Oshiro at 527-5031.
6. A community member questioned why the following curbside locations are deemed NO PARKING zones: Ala Ilima & Ala Lehua-3260 Ala Ilima & 3292 Ala Ilima, Ala Ilima St. & Ala Ilima Pl.- 3206-3230 Ala Ilima, Ala Ilima & Ala Laulani- 3312 Ala Ilima. DTS investigated curbside locations for no parking zones and found that the NO PARKING restrictions at the listed locations along Ala Ilima were established for safety reasons to improve the sight distance for drivers exiting driveways and side streets onto Ala Ilima. We fully understand that on-street parking is critical in high-density areas and have judiciously sought to maintain a balance between public safety and the needs of the public.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Vice Chair Pepper asked again about the "turning on" of the Opticom system on Salt Lake Boulevard.
2. Vice Chair Pepper mentioned that there was sewer repair on Salt Lake Boulevard, Ewa-bound, near Aliamanu Park. When will the metal plate be removed and the street resurfaced?
3. Board member Yomes mentioned a rockslide on Hulakui Drive.
4. She would forward the reports on parking and no parking on to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

Chair Tanimoto thanked the Mayor's representative Takahara-Dias.

**Councilmember Romy Cachola-** (8:45 p.m.) Hiroko Nakamura distributed Councilmember Cachola's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is supposed to come to the Board before changing parking, but they haven't in several cases.
2. Concerning abandoned vehicles, Bill 11 allows the City to remove the vehicle if the motor vehicle registration is not up to date.

Question, answers and comments followed.

When Board member Minnie Brazell asked if people are working on cars, Nakamura replied to call Honolulu Police Department (HPD) if they are on the street and Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) if they are on private property.



There was some discussion on stolen cars and abandoned vehicles. Board member Yomes mentioned that a good way to move "abandoned" vehicles was to have a street cleaning.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Councilmember Cachola's representative Nakamura.

**Governor Linda Lingle's representative-** (8:50 p.m.) Michelle R. Hill, Deputy Director, Department of Health, distributed the Governor's weekly update and reported the following.

1. She had extra copies of the Governor's 2006 initiatives.
2. Governor's update- Last week she was in Washington, D.C. and was invited to the Pentagon for an exercise concerning a pandemic "bird flu."
3. The annual National Governor's Association Conference discussed international issues, Medicaid reform, emergency energy technology and disaster preparedness.
4. Because of the recent Maui rains, the Governor has issued proclamations to extend the loan period from February 20 to March 3 and provide National Guard and other State assistance. For more information on emergency assistance, call Mr. Watanabe, the business loan officer at the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) at 586-2579. Concerning the flooding on the Windward side of Oahu, on Saturday, March 11, they will have emergency help at Kuuloa Ranch from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. Reminder, if you have loved ones, who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty, you can e-mail the photos to the Governor.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Governor's representative Hill.

**Senator Norman Sakamoto-** (8:54 p.m.) Senator Sakamoto distributed his newsletter, which had his Education and Military Affairs Committee bills and many articles on education.

Concerning the "uniform school calendar" issue, Senator Sakamoto mentioned he has had discussions with Board member Taylor and others and they could consider amendments, but he doesn't think there is much support from the schools. Board member Taylor thinks that the high schools haven't focused on this issue and may have "given up." Senator Sakamoto mentioned that the bills were sent to the House and they could still introduce new information for the next two weeks. He invited anyone with any interest in pursuing the "uniform school calendar" issue to contact him.

There were no further questions or comments.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Senator Sakamoto.

**Representative Lynn Finnegan-** (8:58 p.m.) Antonio "Tony" Bacami from Representative Finnegan's office distributed her newsletter and was available to take community concerns.

There were no questions.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Representative Finnegan's staff person Bacami.

**Representative Glenn Wakai-** Representative Wakai distributed his newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. A month ago, he participated in an anti-graffiti paint-over with the Moanalua High School girls' basketball team at several areas in the community. Another anti-graffiti paint-out is scheduled this weekend with the Moanalua Inter-Active club with 55 students. They will paint the Moanalua High School campus and along Salt Lake Boulevard.
2. On Monday he had a town meeting with Senator Sakamoto. As Senator Sakamoto mentioned, Tuesday was "cross over" day and the bills went to the other legislative body. From 6500 bills in January, they have reduced them to 600 and about 200 bills eventually become law.

3. A "Tobacco" bill, to discourage minors from possessing tobacco products, went to the Senate.
4. The Council of Revenues added \$62 million to the \$574 million surplus to give an over \$625 million surplus. There is a good possibility of some form of tax relief for taxpayers making less than \$40,000 a year.

There were no questions.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Representative Wakai.

#### **DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chair Tanimoto mentioned in summary- Next month, the Board would look at the priorities, elect a Treasurer, park closing hours, David Yomes would discuss parking, Larry Baird would report on this discussion with the Department of Transportation regarding re-lining the lines at the intersection of Salt Lake Boulevard and Kahuapaani.

Vice Chair Pepper (after consulting with the Education Committee chair Taylor) suggested inviting the high school principals of the Radford complex and Moanalua complex for their annual report at the May meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hearing no objections, Chair Tanimoto adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Picture taking of the full Board followed.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Chair Grant Tanimoto